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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: COMMENTS BY PRESIDENT BORDABERRY

1. AT AN INFORMAL LUNCHEON TODAY PRESIDENT BORDABERRY TOLD ME HE WAS EXTREMELY PLEASED WITH THE RESULTS OF HIS MEETING LAST WEEK WITH PRESIDENT GEISEL AT THE RIVERA/LIVRAMENTO FRONTIER. HE SAID THE VARIOUS AGREEMENTS SIGNED THERE WERE THE FRUIT OF MANY MONTHS OF HARD LABOR AND NEGOTIATION, AND THAT HE EXPECTED THE RESULTS TO BE POSITIVE FOR URUGUAY AND FOR URUGUAYAN/ BRAZILIAN RELATIONS. ASKED WHETHER BRAZIL HAD AGREED TO BUY URUGUAYAN MEAT, THE PRESIDENT REPLIED IN THE NEGATIVE. THIS IS CONTRARY TO SOME REPORTS WE HAVE RECEIVED TO THE EFFECT THAT BRAZIL WOULD BUY UPWARDS OF 30,000 TONS OF MEAT. THE PRESIDENT'S WORDS WERE THAT BRAZIL WOULD NOT BUY MEAT "AS SUCH", BUT THAT THE WAY HAD BEEN CLEARED FOR URUGUAY TO EXPORT MEAT TO BRAZIL WHICH WOULD BE PROCESSED THERE FOR SALE ON THE WORLD MARKET, INCLUDING THE US HE SAID, AS CANNED BEEF. HE SAID BRQZIL HAS THE SAME KIND OF A PROBLEM AS TO MEAT AS URUGUAY HAS AND POLITICALLY IT WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE FOR THEM NOW TO IMPORT URUGUAYAN MEAT FOR CONSUMPTION.

2. I ASKED THE PRESIDENT IF REPORTS OF A VISIT HERE BY PRESIDENT BANZER WERE TRUE. HE SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE BANZER

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AND THAT THIS WOULD PROBABLY MATERIALIZE, THERE IS NOTHER DEFINITE

AT THE MOMENT, HE SAID AS PLANS WILL DEPEND UPON PREPARATIONS WHICH WOULD GIVE MORE THAN PROTOCOLARY SIGNIFICANCE TO THE MEETING. HE REFERRED IN THIS REGARD TO THE MANY CONCRETE AGREEMENTS SIGNED WITH BRAZIL DURING THE MEETING WITH PRESIDENT GEISEL. APART FROM THIS, PRESIDENT BORDABERRY SAID HE HAD A VERY GOOD IMPRESSION OF PRESIDENT BANZER WHOM HE HAD MET PREVIOUSLY. HE CONSIDERS BANZER TO BE A DEDICATED MAN WHO IS NOT IN HIS JOB SIMPLY TO BE PRESIDENT BUT TO FULFILL HIS HOPE OF SERVING EFFECTIVELY.

3. IN A SEPARATE COMMENTARY DEFMINISTER RAVENNA TOLD ME THAT THE VERY BRIEF AND SOMEWHAT MYSTERIOUS WEEKEND VISIT HERE BY THE ARGENTINE DEFMINISTER HAD BEEN MOTIVATED BY CONCERN OVER ANTI-ARGENTINE RADIO BROADCASTS SUPPOSEDLY EMANATING FROM RADIO COLONIA. HE SAID THEY HAD CAREFULLY CHECKED THE TAPES OF THAT STATION'S ACTIVITIES AND ARE CONFIDENT THAT THE BROADCASTS OF CONCERN ARE INTERMITTENT, CLANDESTINE RADIO ACTIVITY USING COLONIA FREQUENCIES. THE MINISTER EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE SKEPTICISM OVER THE GENERAL SITUATION IN ARGENTINA. HE SPECULATED THAT EVENTUALLY THE MILITARY WOULD HAVE TO TAKE A MORE ACTIVE ROLE PROBABLY, HE THOUGHT, MUCH IN THE SAME MANNER AS THE MILITARY DOES IN URUGUAY TODAY. HE SAID THE ARGENTINE MILITARY IS WELL LED AND UNIFIED.

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